



TOWN OF BEAUX ARTS VILLAGE TOWN BULLETIN DECEMBER 2009

WABA Shoreline Architects	7:00pm Tuesday	December 1 st	Bridges
Christmas Ships	8:30pm Wednesday	December 2 nd	Beach
Cookie Exchange & Social	7:00pm Monday	December 7 th	Justus
TOWN COUNCIL	7:00pm Tuesday	December 8 th	Stowe
WABA	7:00pm Thursday	December 10 th	Stefan
Winter Dinner Planning	10:00am Thursday	December 17 th	Ryals
PLANNING COMMISSION		No December Meeting	

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TOWN MARSHAL REPORT: Please be advised that a coyote has been spotted in our area a couple of times this month. Coyotes are elusive creatures that inhabit many urban areas much more densely developed than our village and when they hunt, their prey could include your family's pets (including cats, small dogs or rabbits). Raccoons continue to be a nuisance as well.

Washington Dept. of Fish & Wildlife agent Sean Carrell, has informed our Marshal that most all wildlife nuisance issues are caused by people intentionally or unintentionally feeding wildlife. This includes attractants commonly taken for granted such as bird feeders, dirty barbeques, even empty pet food bowls. Keep your pets and their food indoors, and please help the wildlife stay wild by keeping these attractants clean or indoors. Landowners are protected on their own property, if a situation involving a wild animal threatens safety of children, pets, or property damage. Trapping can be an effective tool, but is only a temporary solution to the problem. Both urban and rural communities attract these animals and problems will continue to persist. Agent Carrell suggests if you are having continual problems with a coyote or raccoon, please contact the nearest regional office to obtain names of some nuisance trappers. Beaux Arts is in: **REGION 4, North Puget Sound, Captain Bill Hebner, (425) 775-1311** (Island, King, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, & Whatcom Counties)

Other helpful links: WDFW website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/>

Enforcement website: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/enforcement/>

Living with Coyotes: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/coyotes.htm>

Living with Raccoons: <http://wdfw.wa.gov/wlm/living/raccoons.htm>

Thank you for familiarizing yourself with these animals and keeping Town Marshal Walter Scott informed of any severe problems or encounters.

COUNCIL BUSINESS: At the November 10th Council meeting:

- The Council held a final public hearing to hear comments on a proposed ordinance regulating the use and development of Town rights of way. At the end of this discussion, passed Ordinance No. 370 adopting regulations for the uses and development of non-paved portions of the Town rights of way.
- The Council held its second public hearing to discuss a proposed 2010 Budget. The final budget will be presented and approved at the December Council meeting.
- The Council also held a public hearing to discuss the Property Tax Levy for 2010. The Council reluctantly approved this increase, which amounts to only \$1,381, because other revenue sources available to the Town are limited and are expected to decline until the overall economic environment improves.
- Councilmember Stowe presented several options for increased water rates to ensure that the Water Department's upcoming maintenance needs are fully funded. The Council reviewed the options and discussed them at length, including a decision that any increase must share the costs of operating the Water Department fairly without overburdening our residents who live on fixed incomes. At the conclusion of this discussion, the Council voted to increase water rates effective January 1, 2010.

- Mayor Leider updated the Council on a recent meeting he attended regarding Bellevue's 108th Avenue Project. At the completion of that update, it was the consensus of the Council that:
 - > Town residents need to know more details about the project, and
 - > The mayor should appoint a **subcommittee** of two Council members and three residents to monitor Bellevue's progress on this project, to develop a vision for the Beaux Arts right-of-way along this corridor, and to ensure input from the entire Beaux Arts community on both of these items. Mayor Leider has distributed a letter outlining these two points and **asking for committee volunteers** by email.

BEAUX ARTS WATER DEPARTMENT – At their November meeting, the Town Council voted to raise the fees for our water service. The new minimum water-service fee will increase from \$45 to \$60 bi-monthly, while the water allotment associated with this minimum will decrease from 1400 cubic feet to 500 cubic feet per two-month billing. In addition, the fee for water used in excess of the 500cf minimum will drop slightly from \$1.30 per hundred cubic feet to \$1.25. The Town Council had hoped to hold water rates steady, but after two deficit years and two pump failures – both of which depleted our reserves -- it has become necessary raise rates. This rate increase should rebuild our reserves and allow the Water Department to purchase a secondary replacement pump within a five-year period. If you have any questions about this increase, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING: The next meeting of the Town Council will be held at **7:00pm on Tuesday, December 8, 2009** at Tom Stowe's residence.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT VACANCY: There is a vacancy on the Board of Adjustment, the Town body that hears all requests for and renders all decisions on variances to the Town's Zoning Code. While BOA positions have four-year terms, the term for the current vacancy ends on December 31, 2010 and is eligible for reappointment. If you are interested in serving on this important board, please contact Mayor Leider. Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp for more information.

PLANNING COMMISSION VACANCY: There is a vacancy on the Planning Commission. This is the Town body that develops the Town's land-use regulations, Comprehensive Plan, and advises the Town Council. The Planning Commission meets monthly nine times a year on the 3rd Thursday. Planning Commissioners serve six-year terms; the term for this position would end in December of 2015 and is eligible for reappointment. If you are interested in serving on this commission, please contact Mayor Leider. Questions? Please contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp for more information.

NAME SIGNS: There are several new families who have not yet gotten name signs. The tradition of posting name signs on or near the street on which each family lives is a long-time tradition in Beaux Arts. If you have not yet gotten a name sign, please contact Clerk-Treasurer Spens at townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov so that she can arrange for one to be made. Signs cost about \$30, and residents are billed by the Town after the sign has been mounted.

FALL CLEAN-UP THANK YOU: It's impossible to name everyone who turned out for the Town Clean-up on Saturday, November 21st because there were so many! The number of workers and tasks accomplished- awesome:

- Tom Stowe organized the taming of east Village border along 108th;
- Carol Clemett and volunteers conquered the wilds of the path running from SE 20th to SE 29th by weeding and spreading chips;
- Many, many workers -young and old - weeded and mulched 5-corners;
- The Stack's diligently trimmed laurel and hauled away junk in the area by the mailboxes at SE 29th and 106th.

Thanks to all for a very successful clean-up! – Paula Dix

NEXT WABA BOARD MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Western Academy of Beaux Arts Board of Trustees will be held at **7:00pm on Thursday, December 10, 2009** at the Stefan's residence.

WABA SHORELINE ARCHITECT PRESENTATIONS: Tuesday, December 1st, 7:00 to 9:00pm, at the Bridges' residence. WABA has secured a \$50,000 grant from King County to retain a shoreline architect to prepare a comprehensive shoreline development plan. This meeting is to hear presentations from three firms in anticipation of retaining one firm. We are not discussing what the shoreline plan will be at this meeting. Assuming WABA authorizes a committee to move forward with this project, one of these firms will be hired. If you want to participate on such a committee, attending this meeting may be helpful. As with all WABA meetings, everyone is welcomed to attend.

THE CHRISTMAS SHIPS ARE COMING! Please join us on the beach, Wednesday evening, December 2nd from 8:30 to 9:05pm for this wonderful annual Beaux Arts Christmas tradition and easy opportunity to show your WABA spirit! Arrive a bit early, stay longer and warm up near the fires with your family and friends. See all the beautifully lit and decorated Christmas ships, and enjoy singing at 8:45pm along with the beautiful carols being sung. Don't forget to bring your flashlights, a beverage of your choice and dress warm! Thank you, Beach Master Forrest, for the fire building!

HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND COOKIE EXCHANGE - MONDAY, DECEMBER 7th: All Village Women are invited to this year's holiday social, which will be on: Monday, December 7th, from 7:00 to 9:00pm at Sheila Justus' home. This annual event provides a chance to exchange holiday cookies and to socialize with Village women, however cookies are not required. If baking does not fit into your busy December schedule, don't bother with the cookies, but please come share in the holiday cheer.



If you want to participate in the exchanging of cookies, please bring: 25 baggies of 3 homemade cookies each, in a box labeled with your name. Also bring a second empty box labeled with your name. All women in the Village will be called and reminded of the details. If you have not been contacted by December 3, please call or email Leslie Leber. Hope to see you on December 7th!

WINTER DINNER: Planning has begun for the 2010 Winter Dinner. Time and Location will be forthcoming soon! Anyone interested in helping organize this year's event, please come to Becky Ryals' house for a planning meeting on Thursday, December 17th, 10am! We look forward to seeing a lot of you then.

BEACHMASTER REPORT: I hope your holiday season is off to a warm start. The beach is ready to welcome the caroling Christmas Ships and to warm you with 2 beach fires. Thanks for the preparation from Aaron Sharp and Bernard Van de Kamp. I am still looking for a teenager to help me with the winter beach jobs. Thanks to all who are helping keep the beach access roads clear of debris, especially John Clemett and Dan Solaro. -Forrest Kulp

DOCKMASTER REPORT: Please remember that the water supply to the docks will be turned off once there's a threat of frost, so please plan accordingly. I'd also like to remind boaters that, per WABA rules, slips that are not used for a season will be reassigned to villagers on the wait list. Also, WABA members must be present if allowing others to use their boats - this includes relatives, friends, etc. To those of you, who do not use your boat regularly, please consider your neighbors - many continue to wait for a slip vacancy. -Bernard van de Kamp

WOODLAND MANAGER REPORT: The weather outside was frightful, but the workers were delightful! Many thanks to the three brave souls who came to plant trees with me: Paula Dix, Forrest Kulp and Peter Justus will forever be remembered for their dedication to the village and WABA. Woodlands plans to fade quietly into hibernation until spring. See you then. -Sheila Justus

THANK YOU! Thank you, Ryals' family, for hosting the Halloween Haunt! Thank you so much to Andrew, Daniel & Carol Bond for helping to transform the Ryals' carport into the *spooktacular* haunt on Halloween. Thanks also to our snack, craft & game volunteers Nancy Van der Horn, Pam Cowan, Blair Carleton, & Nancy Burlingame. Thank you as well to Dave Johnson and Carol Bond, our clean-up crew. We had over 30 kids and all had a great time!

BUILDING NEWS- All required permits were issued by the Beaux Arts Building Dept. in November for:
2739 – 106th Pl. SE An addition
10401 SE 27th St. Gas conversion

NEED TO CONTACT TOWN STAFF?

- Contact Clerk-Treasurer Sue Ann Spens if you have questions about issues before the Council, general Town business, or Water-Department concerns.
Email: townhall@beauxarts-wa.gov
Phone: (425) 454-8580
Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.
- Contact Deputy Clerk Angela Kulp if you have questions about the building department, permits, variances, or issues before the Planning Commission or Board of Adjustment.
Email: bldgdept@beauxarts-wa.gov

Phone: (425) 269-6985

Mail: 10550 SE 27th Street, Beaux Arts, WA 98004.

- To report Block watch concerns, contact:
Town Marshal Walter Scott: (425) 454-2573
Deputy Marshal Scott Harpster: (425) 746-0757